GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2724
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ACQUISITION OF LAND BY IAF IN RAJASTHAN
NIHAL CHAND CHAUHAN

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up an Air base for the Air Force near Rawatsar town in Hanumangarh district of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total land acquired for the purpose alongwith the names of the villages from where land has been acquired;

(d) whether the Government propose to give compensation to farmers in lieu of their land; and

(e) if so, the time by which the compensation is likely to be given to the farmers alongwith the amount thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. However, a proposal to acquire about 47,000 bighas of land in district Hanumangarh, Rajasthan, is under consideration for building an Air-to-Ground Firing Range for the Indian Air Force.

(d) & (e): As the land is yet to be acquired, the question of payment of compensation does not arise, at this stage.